

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 4-11, as follows:

While the drum 1 is rotated counterclockwise, as viewed in FIG. 1, the charge roller 2 uniformly charges the surface of the drum 1. The exposing unit 3 optically scans the charged surface of the drum 1 in accordance with image data to thereby form a latent image thereon. The developing unit [[5]] 10 develops the latent image with toner, which is a developing substance contained in a developing liquid 4, for thereby forming a corresponding toner image.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 17-25, as follows:

A paper sheet 8 is fed from the paper feeding device 7 to the image transferring device 5 at a preselected timing. The image transferring device 5 transfers the toner image from the drum 1 to the paper sheet 8. The paper sheet 8 carrying the toner image thereon is conveyed to the fixing unit 9. The fixing unit 9 fixes the toner image on the paper sheet 8 with heat and pressure. The cleaning unit [[9]] 6 mechanically scrapes off the developing liquid 4 left on the drum 1 after the image transfer.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, line 16 to page 7, line 7, as follows:

A partition 19 is positioned at the center of the reservoir 11 and extends in the axial direction of the applying roller 14. The partition 19 causes the developing liquid 4 to be circulated. Specifically, the partition 19 divides the reservoir 11 into a feeding portion 20a for feeding the developing liquid 4 to the applying roller 14 and a collecting portion 20c for collecting the liquid 4 left on the developing roller 12. The feeding portion 20a and collecting portion 20c are communicated to each other via a communicating portion [[20]] 20d, which is formed below the partition 19. The developing liquid 4 removed from the

applying roller 14 is recirculated to the collecting portion 20c via a recirculating portion [[20d]] 20b, which is formed above the partition 19. In this manner, a circulation path is formed between the inner periphery of the reservoir 11 and the partition 19.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 1-6, as follows:

~~Drive means~~ A driving device, not shown, rotates the screw or agitator 18 clockwise, as viewed in FIG. 1. The screw 18, intervening between the collecting portion 20c and the communicating portion 20d, delivers the developing liquid from the collecting portion 20c to the communicating portion 20d while agitating it.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 10-18, as follows:

~~Drive means~~ A driving device, not shown, rotates the developing roller 12 clockwise, as viewed in FIG. 1. The developing roller 12 partly protrudes from the reservoir 11 via an opening formed in the reservoir 11 and contacts the drum 1 to thereby form a nip. The developing roller 12 moves in the same direction as the drum 1, as seen at the nip. The developing liquid 4, forming a thin layer on the developing roller 12, is nipped between the developing roller 12 and the drum 1.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, line 19 to page 9, line 9, as follows:

A power source or ~~a voltage applying~~ means device, not shown, is connected to the developing roller 12 so as to apply a bias for development to the developing roller 12. The bias forms an electric field for development at the nip between the developing roller 12 and the drum 1. The electric field exerts an electrostatic force on the toner contained in the thin liquid layer, which is passing through the nip in accordance with the rotation of the drum 1. As a result, the toner is transferred from the developing roller 12 to the drum 1, developing

the latent image formed on the drum 1. At the same time, the electric field causes the toner not facing the latent image to return to the surface of the developing roller 12. This prevents the toner from depositing on the non-image area of the drum 1 while allowing only a small amount of carrier liquid to deposit on the above area of the drum 1.

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 10-16, as follows:

The collecting blade [[12]] 16 is positioned in the upper part of the collecting portion 20c. The collecting blade [[12]] 16 scrapes off the thin liquid layer left on the surface of the developing roller 12 that has moved away from the nip between the developing roller 12 and the drum 1. The developing liquid 4 collected by the blade [[12]] 16 is returned to the collecting portion 20c.

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, line 16, as follows:

$$T \text{ (sec)} = [[L]] \text{ } W \text{ (mm)} / V \text{ (mm/sec)}$$